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# Merry Christmas



## PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

Merry Christmas to all! This is the time of the year when the bonds of family unite all of us in ways that create the very finest of deep feeling and good will. When you are at the fireside this yuletide, please remember that your family tie to the Old Hill is very real, and that we who live and work on it extend our heartfelt best wishes!

Sincerely,

John S. Kyser

President

## CUPID'S DOINGS

Aug. 4, in the Mid-City Baptist Church of Metairie. Miss BONNIE ROLLING, BS '62, and James N. Williams spoke their marriage vows.

Living in Shreveport after their Aug. 11 marriage are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Earle Demint (KATHRYN LOUISE SMITHSON, BA '57). The Addie Lane Memorial Chapel of Noel Memorial Methodist Church was the scene for the wedding.

Miss SARAH ELLEN FERGUSON, BS '62, and Donald Alan Goins were united in marriage Aug. 18 at the First Methodist Church in Leesville.

In DeRidder, at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, on Aug. 5th. Miss EVELYN MARGARET PENNEY and BOBBY HUGH LEWIS, both spring graduates of NSC, became man and wife.

Lake Catherine at Hot Springs, Ark., was the honeymoon site of Mr. and Mrs. GLENN WILSON ROBISON, the former Miss ELEANORAE BAGLEY, who were married in August. Both of them graduated this year.

Miss CAROLYN DUNN, BA '62, exchanged vows with Bob Allbritton in the First Baptist Church in Olla. The couple left for a honeymoon in Houston, Tex.

On the evening of Aug. 21, EDNA FAYE GAINES, BA '58, spoke the vows that joined her and Roger O'Neill Boykin in marriage. They are making their home in Washington, D. C.

Miss MARY SUE MARIO-NEAUX, BS '62, and Stuart Douglass Rollins were united in marriage in the Ford Park Baptist Church on the evening of Aug. 30. They reside in Natchitoches, where Mr. Rollins is enrolled at NSC.

The First Baptist Church of Converse was the scene of the

wedding, Aug. 25, of Miss SANDRA SUE HASH, BME, '62, and George Gilcrease. After a Gulf Coast wedding trip, they are at home in Lake Charles, where both are teachers.

Aug. 25, in the chapel of the Broadmoor Baptist Church of Shreveport, Miss MITZI JOYCE McLEAN, (BS in nursing, '61) and Riehard Edmond Normand exchanged wedding vows. They are living in Baton Rouge.

Miss PATRICIA MOORE, BS '61, became the bride of Douglas Green on July 13 in the First Methodist Church in New Iberia. They reside in Lake Charles, where the bride is employed by Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, Chemical Division. Mr. Green is a student at McNeese State College.

Miss LOIS NELL LACOUR, BA '59, and Lt. Roy C. Johnston were married in Mary Calderwood Bolton Memorial Chapel of Emmanuel Baptist Church in August. After a honeymoon on the Gulf Coast, they are residing in Alexandria.

Miss LINDA ANN CORLEY, BA '62, and James Thomas Dixon were married Sept. 1 in the First Baptist Church in Natchitoches. After a wedding trip to the Ozarks, they returned to live in Monroe.

The garden of the bride's parents' home was the scene of the wedding Sept. 1, of Miss VIRGINIA LOUISE SCHUETZ, BS '62, and Harlan M. Phelps. The young couple live in Natchitoches, where the bride is employed and the bridegroom is attending NSC.

The First Baptist Church in Cotton Valley was the scene September 1, of the wedding of Miss GLENDA FAYE SMITH, BS '62, and Robert Benjamin Hatchett. They live in Natchitoches, where Mr. Hatchett is attending NSC.

# Teaching By Television Is Another NSC "First"

## Open House Guests See Operation of Closed-Circuit TV

By EARL C. COULON

Members of the faculty and staff, representatives of area press, radio and television, and of other colleges inspected the closed-circuit television facilities of Northwestern State College Nov. 16-17.

Faculty and staff members were invited to tour the facilities the afternoon prior to a scheduled open house program Saturday, Nov. 17.

They witnessed a demonstration by Mrs. Ora G. Williams, assistant professor of English, of the teaching techniques she utilizes in the instruction twice weekly of 315 students of a course in remedial English over the closed-circuit network, which reaches 15 classrooms in buildings throughout the campus.

How does one teacher effectively teach 315 students? The answer is she doesn't not alone. Mrs. Williams is the "master" teacher. She lectures twice weekly, after much preparation, for 30 minutes from the central studio. In classrooms students follow the instruction on receivers, along with a fully qualified instructor. Following the lecture, a 45-minute workshop session begins immediately. Students apply the rules of English covered in the lecture.

Dr. Leo T. Allbritton, dean of the graduate school and dean of instruction, said: "On the basis of my observation of teaching by closed circuit television at NSC, I believe that this medium offers opportunities for the optimum utilization of faculty talents within a department. The unique qualifications of several instructors can be effectively combined for the educational benefit of a large number of students with a minimum of interference with other duties of the staff."

Mrs. Williams recently summarized what she believed to be the advantages of her television course: she does, of course, teach other English courses by conventional classroom lecture techniques. These advantages she listed as better planned lessons, less adherence to one textbook, use of charts, diagrams, and other audio-



MRS. ORA G. WILLIAMS, assistant professor of English, is shown on the central monitor as she lectures to students in the remedial English class at Northwestern over the closed-circuit television network. For thirty minutes twice weekly, Mrs. Williams lectures to 315 students in classrooms throughout the campus. Immediately following the "master teacher" lectures, teachers within the classrooms initiate workshop periods of forty-five minutes, in which the students apply information acquired from the TV lecture.

visual material; presentation of more exercises and tests than formerly and uniformity of material and grading. Immediate follow-up in the workshop period under teacher supervision, she believes, provides two learning experiences: lecture and practical application.

A logical question is, "Can students ask questions during the lecture?" Two-way telephones are available in the classrooms and questions can be relayed. However, it should be obvious that, with 315 students, many questions would make the lecture impossible. Instead, students hold their questions for the classroom instructor. Also, many times the instructors report to the TV lecturer questions which her students asked. These are discussed at the beginning of the next television lecture.

The number of failing grades thus far this semester in remedial

English is significantly lower than at the same time last year in conventional classes.

National statistics reveal little differences in student achievement in televised courses as compared with that in conventional classroom situations.

A second offering currently being taught via the educational television network is an introductory, non-laboratory biology course. The instructor is Dwayne N. Kruse, assistant professor of biology. He lectures Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays before a live classroom audience. Cameras and microphones relay the lecture to other classrooms, and a total of 280 students are reached simultaneously. Graduate students serve as monitors in classrooms, where they are available to answer questions and assist the undergraduates. A "help" session is conducted one evening weekly, in addition to regular class periods.

In grading of student achievement thus far, the instructor finds no marked difference between the class receiving "live" instruction and the two watching television receivers. In fact, Kruse reports, one television section has done better than the "live" group, while the latter's achievement has been slightly better than the other "viewer" students.

Illustrative of the varied potential of closed-circuit television in the academic program is its adaptation to demonstration teaching in the teacher-education program. Last summer, an elementary school demonstration class in arithmetic was televised. Student teachers followed the lesson within the classroom while a large group of students watched the televised demonstration. A mobile unit has been established in Warren Easton Hall, elementary school building, to provide for such televised teacher-education programs.

President John S. Kyser, in discussing the beginning of full-scale closed-circuit television, said: "Initiation of televised instruction is not an attempt to derive economy through utilization of fewer teachers. Rather, it is one phase of our continuing program of academic pioneering with the ultimate goal being, of course, more effective instruction. Another phase of this program was the establishment last year on our campus of The Center for Experimental Research and Development in Learning and Teaching. Northwestern, one of Louisiana's oldest state colleges, was first to establish a School of Nursing; first to establish a Graduate School; and, now, first to begin full-scale closed circuit television courses."

The television program at Northwestern is under the technical direction of Thomas L. Henningan, coordinator of educational television and director of audio-visual services. Frank Magers, assistant professor of speech, is producer-director, and Paul L. Keyser is electronic engineer.

Located in Fournet Hall, chemistry-physics building, the television facilities are complete and adequate. In addition to the studio area, there are also an office, an electronics shop, a film room, an announcer's booth, and a control room. Studio equipment includes two cameras and monitor in addition to lighting equipment, drapes, and furniture.



**ALUMNI IN CHARGE** of the Coffee held during the LTA convention in New Orleans were (left to right) Mrs. R. E. Lee, R. E. Lee, and Mrs. James Bruning.



A GROUP OF VISITING ALUMNI who attended the coffee held during the LTA convention in New Orleans were (left to right) Eddie Schumacher, Mrs. Mary Allen Caraway Warrick, Dr. Joseph Gibbs (a former president of NSC), Ed Lee, Richard Clanton, and Leonard Nichols.

## ALUMNI HERE 'N THERE

**ROLAND MCKNEELY**, BA '62, LSU law student from Blanchard, has been awarded the Superior Oil Company Scholarship, according to Dean Paul Hebert. The scholarship is worth \$890 per academic year for three years.

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**2 Lt. ROBERT W. CLEMM**, BA '62, of Shreveport, recently completed the eight-week Field Artillery Officer's orientation course at the U. S. Army Artillery and Missile Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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**Miss DORIS SHELL**, AB '37, home demonstration agent for Jefferson Davis Parish, received a distinguished service award at the National Home Demonstration Agents' Association Convention in October. This award is presented each year to two agents who have served ten or more years and have done superior work in their areas. Her twin sister, **DOROTHY**, AB '37, received this award in '58, while serving as home demonstration agent in Claiborne parish.

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**Mrs. B. C. O'Brien**, the former **BLANCHE COGNEVICH**, two-year graduate of 1912, is a retired orange grower and is living in Nairn, La.

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**W. L. COLVIN**, two-year graduate of 1912 who retired after 39 years as principal of Jeanerette High School, visited the Alumni

Office recently. Losse is spending his spare time at his plantation near New Iberia.

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**J. C. (Chuck) TILLMAN**, BA '51, of the American Press, Little Rock, Ark., was a recent visitor to the campus of NSC.

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**MAVIS ALLEN**, BA '49, has accepted a position as assistant editor of the Intermediate Sunday School lesson courses for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Her address is 503 Sterling Court, Nashville 12, Tenn.

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**Mrs. H. W. Ellerson**, the former **FRANCES THOMPSON**, BA '41, a resident of Richmond, Va., sent a nice contribution to the NSC Alumni Association recently. Mrs. Ellerson is the daughter of Mrs. Ellen Levin Thompson, of Monroe.

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**Mrs. Felix Elston**, nee **EMMA LOU BRANDT**, BA '31, who attended the New Orleans area alumni meeting Nov. 18, sent a list of names of alumni who live near her at Triumph, La., to add to our mailing list.

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**JACK SHARP**, BA '55, native of Natchitoches, has been named operations manager of the Texas State Network, headquarters in Ft. Worth.

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**Dr. Julia Hunter**, the former **JULIA JOHNSON**, of Shreveport, class of 1902, now residing in

## In Memoriam

Word has been received from the family of Mrs. Truman Stagg of Rayne, the former Delia Bruner, a 1909 graduate, that she passed away on Nov. 6. She retired in 1954, after almost 10 years in the teaching profession. Sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

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Former students and friends of Miss Clio Allen were saddened to learn of her death last month. A two-year graduate of 1916, she received the A. B. degree from Normal in 1924. She taught English and speech at Natchitoches High School for many years, and supervised the training of student teachers in those fields, retiring just two years ago. Sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

## Wanted

The 1917-1920 and 1934 issues of Potpourri. Will you please assist us in securing these copies for the NSC Alumni Office?

Monroe, wrote that she is engaged in a project, preparing a mailing list of all living members of her class, and will make it available to the Alumni office.

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Mrs. John C. Bringhurst, the former **MARTHA SINGLETARY**, BA '51, wrote that she has moved to 1905 36th Ave., Meridian, Miss., and would like to receive the Columns at this address.

## Chapter Sponsors 2 Crescent Meets

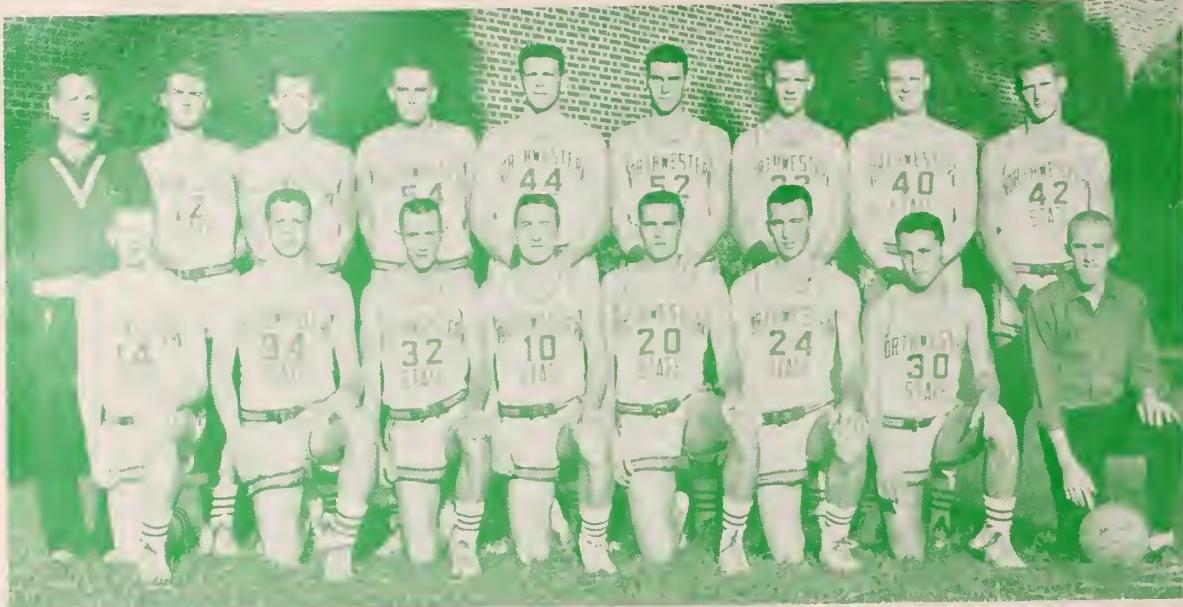
The New Orleans Area Alumni Group of the Northwestern State College Alumni Association held a meeting and a coffee during the month of November.

On Nov. 18 the group held a fellowship meeting in the Green Room of the Jung Hotel. Ed Lee, chapter president, estimated that over 100 former students and graduates attended the meeting, at which NSC President John S. Kyser made a brief address and Secretary Joe W. Webb suggested possible chapter activities.

President Lee suggested to the group that it consider the possibility of sponsoring a scholarship at NSC for some student from the New Orleans area. The scholarship will be on the agenda for the annual spring meeting, and the club took the location of unknown alumni in the area as a project for the coming year.

On Nov. 19-20 the chapter sponsored a coffee during the Louisiana Teachers Association convention. Lee also served as arrangements chairman for the coffee and was assisted by Mrs. Lee. Approximately five hundred alumni and friends of Northwestern attended the two-day affair.

Assisting President Lee and his wife, "Dinky," were Mrs. Mary Allen (Caraway) Warrick, Mrs. Nelwyn Stuart Rains, Frank Mobley, all of New Orleans, and Mrs. Betty Lou Beasley Bruning of Natchitoches.



1962-63 DEMON BASKETBALL SQUAD is composed of 15 members, who will be attempting to improve over NSC's 1961-62 record of 10 wins and 17 losses. Squadmen pictured with Coach Huey Cranford, standing, and Manager Paul Bush, kneeling, are: (front row) Tommy Stewart, Kenny Arthur, Emmett Hendricks, Tommy Mathis, Bill Stokes, Bob Methvin, Bob Kranz; (back row) Walter Ledet, Alfred Legrand, Billy Ray, Raymond Arthur, Jim Hardin, Jim Fletcher, Ken Moran, and Sam Watts.



GANATA JO NETTLES ('60), received her Master's Degree in the field of textiles and clothing from the School of Home Economics at Louisiana State University this past summer. She has accepted a position as instructor in the same school.

## Cagers Lose Opener; Prepare For Classic

Northwestern State's basketball squad opened their regular season schedule Monday, Dec. 3, at home with an overtime loss to Stephen F. Austin of Nacogdoches, Tex., 91-87.

The Demons were to meet four opponents—Nicholls State, Stephen F. Austin, East Texas Baptist, and Louisiana College—before

entering the Gulf South Classic, Dec. 26-29.

Participating teams this year in the major holiday classic at Shreveport will be host Centenary College, George Washington University, West Texas State, Texas Christian University, Eastern Kentucky State, the University of Southern Mississippi, Louisiana Tech, and Northwestern.

Northwestern opens against the University of Southern Mississippi Thursday, Dec. 27, at 9:00 p.m. in the tourney.

With only one returning regular from last season's squad, which won 10 and lost 17, basketball fortunes at NSC this season may be at a low ebb. Guard Tommy Mathis is the only player who could be classified as a

starter on last year's quintet.

Coach Huey Cranford will probably try a combination of Raymond Arthur and Billy Ray (LSU transfers), Kenny Arthur, Sam Watts, and Mathis. Ray has given indications of being a point producer, having hit with regularity from the field. Primary problems facing Cranford are the development of a stronger defense and improvement of the NSC rebounding effort.

The 1962-63 squad may lack team speed and depth. However, Cranford has hopes that his squad will improve before start of the Gulf States Conference schedule Thursday, Jan. 3, against Northeast. The Demons had a record of four wins and six losses in the GSC last season, finishing fourth.

## 'Tolar Day' Honors Former Demon Star

One of Northwestern's former grid stars will receive recognition and honors as a top professional football player in January when the Natchitoches Athletic Club stages "Charlie Tolar Day."

Plans are underway to have Tolar return to Natchitoches during the first week of January. Included in the program will be a parade through downtown Natchitoches and a banquet at St. Denis Hall on the campus.

Tolar has been an outstanding player with the Houston Oilers, along with Charlie Hennigan, both former NSC Demon footballers.

A definite date will be set later, once the Oiler schedule has been terminated.

## Demons Capture GSC Harrier Title

Northwestern State's cross-country team ended Northeast's domination in this sport in the Gulf States Conference Saturday, Dec. 1, when they won the annual meet at Monroe to provide the College with its second title in two weeks.

The NSC football squad won the undisputed football title Nov. 17 with a 19-6 win over Southeastern.

The Demon harriers had 12 points for a wide lead over second place Louisiana Tech, which had 62 points. Other places went to Southwestern, Southeastern, Northeast, and McNeese in that order.



SYLVIA JOAN WHATLEY, BS '61, has been awarded the title of "Teacher of the Week" at Buckroe Junior High School in Hampton, Virginia, where she teaches home economics.

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